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TOM BROKAW: Intelligence sources in Washington now have confirmed reports that a very high KGB official defected to the West in Rome this summer. Vitaly Sherchenko (?) is said to have had detailed knowledge of Soviet operations in the United States, Western Europe, and Latin America.

And as John Dancy reports, this is only one of several major KGB setbacks recently.

JOHN DANCY: The expulsion of 31 Soviets for spying has devastated the KGB's operations in Britain. American intelligence sources confirm that the Soviet KGB chief in England, Oleg Gordievsky, has already revealed the names of more than 100 Britons working for the Soviets.

GEORGE CARVER: Gordievsky was a gold mine, a platinum mine and a diamond mine all rolled into one. He knows everything that there is to know about Soviet intelligence activities in his country of assignment; in this case, the United Kingdom.

DANCY: The man on the left, Stanislav Levchenko, is a former KGB agent, who declines to be photographed because of death threats against him.

What effect must this have on the KGB's operations in London?

STANISLAV LEVCHENKO: The Soviets, of course, lost all of their agent network in Great Britain, which will take them at least five years to rebuild. They're trying to assess the damage which was done to the KGB operations, not only in England, but in Europe.

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